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ANOTHER COSTLY EXPERIMENT

Mortar Defense Guns on Seacoast Said to Be Worthless.

The Government Has Spent Fifteen Millions Dollars on Them Already and Army and Navy Men Declare They Are Practically Without Value.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Strenuous efforts are being made by certain interested parties to prevent an exposure of one tremendous item of extravagance which has accumulated from year to year in the work of fortifying the coasts of the United States. It is not generally known, but there are corrupt influences which have been exerted upon congress year after year for the express purpose of inducing that body to provide money for the building and installation of a large number of rifled mortars for coast defenses.

There are now in position or under construction 273 of these mortars, and the total number contemplated under the general coast defense scheme is no less than 500. These mortars cost an average of about \$12,000 each, so that the cost of the mortars themselves will aggregate fully \$6,000,000. To place these guns in position, providing them with the necessary carriages and the usual heavy emplacements, costs more than as much again.

It is estimated that the total expenditure on account of 12-inch mortars when the present coast defense scheme is completed will be not far from \$15,000,000. This enormous expenditure would be justified as a necessary feature of the defense of our coasts, but inquiry among both army and navy gunners experts developed the fact that in their opinion these mortars are absolutely useless for the purposes for which they are intended. Distinguished ordnance officers admit that there is not a mortar in existence which can be depended upon to drop its shell anywhere within a radius of about ten times the length of an ordinary warship.

It is an open secret in both the navy and war departments that the average battleship would think nothing at all of sailing right up against a whole battery of mortars, whereas it would hesitate to encounter a single 12-inch rifle. The mortar battery fires its shell up in the air at a distance of several miles, and it is not an extravagant statement to say that there is not one chance in a thousand of the shells striking a battleship moving even at the lowest rate of speed.

It is impossible to aim these mortars at a moving ship, and even the range finders are of slight assistance. Naval experts estimate that battleships are in more danger of being struck by lightning than a hostile blow from all the mortars in the world. There are now in position 240 of these 12-inch mortars, scattered along the coast and supposed to guard important ports on the Atlantic, gulf and Pacific coasts. Besides that the mortars take as much care as a rifled cannon.

Gunners experts will not talk for publication on this subject, but it is a well understood fact that the scandal has reached the ears of President McKinley, who has determined to put a stop to the construction of these useless guns, which bear the same relation to a modern rifled cannon that the old musket does to the Krag-Jorgensen or the Mauser.

SANTIAGO TREMBLED.

Second Earthquake Experienced in the City This Week. A Month—Most Severe for Many Years.

Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 26.—The second earthquake experienced by this district within a month occurred at noon yesterday. The shocks were at first scarcely perceptible, but they increased steadily and the last was the most severe known for many years in this region. It would be almost impossible to injure the massive masonry of the buildings constituting the principal portion of the city, but some damage was done in the poor quarters and one child was badly injured by a falling tile. The people of the city have a deadly fear of seismic disturbances, owing to the destruction of a cathedral long ago. Many of them now predict an early disaster, because of the two earthquakes that have visited Santiago within 30 days.

A Niece of President McKinley Marries. Youngstown, O., Dec. 26.—Miss Mamie Stambough, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Daniel Stambough, and Philip Gerald Cook, a prominent lawyer of Clarendon, N. Y., were married yesterday at the Stambough home in this city. The bride is a niece of President McKinley.

Kruger Messenger Boy in Trouble. New York, Dec. 26.—Frank Smith, the messenger who took a message of greeting from American school children to President Kruger, was in police court yesterday, charged with having a paving stone thrown at a schoolmate. He was paroled after a warning.

It P. Wheelley keeps all kinds of food at Spohn's old stand.

THE PLACE LOCATED.

House in Which Young Cuddey Was Held by Kidnappers for Ransom Found by the Officers.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 22.—The result of 24 hours' work on the part of the police of the city and half a hundred detectives has brought to light the location of the house in which Edward Cuddey, Jr., was held a prisoner for nearly two days and from which he was returned to his home in the city at a late hour Wednesday night.

The house is located four miles from the city and in a place of easy access, but so situated as to allow the desperadoes ample opportunity to lay and carry out their plans without molestation from inquiring neighbors. Within easy communication with rail and wagon roads leading in and out of Omaha and South Omaha and on a high knoll where sentries could give immediate alarm in case of necessity, the one and a half story shack had been admirably chosen by the bandits.

AMERICA THEIR HAVEN.

Half a Million People from Other Parts of the World Came Here Last Year to Find Homes.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Nearly a half million people from other parts of the world have come into the United States during the year 1900 seeking permanent homes. Of this number more than 100,000 came from Austria-Hungary, another 100,000 from Italy, and nearly another 100,000 from Russia, while the United Kingdom furnishes more than 50,000, of which number 40,000 are from Ireland. Of the 480,000 immigrants, fully 450,000 came from Europe, while but about 4,000, or less than one per cent., came from the tropics.

In the Clutches of Russia. Stockholm, Dec. 22.—All papers in Finland that criticize the Russianization of that country are being suppressed. The press censorship, the suppression of recognized organs of public opinion and the loss of legislative autonomy, will be followed by the proclamation of the Greek orthodox religion as the state religion, notwithstanding the fact that 98 per cent. of the population belongs to the Lutheran church.

A Money Panic in Mexico. El Paso, Tex., Dec. 21.—It is stated that a money panic is now on in Mexico. George W. Hilsinger, manager of the El Paso and Juarez branch of the Banco Miner, and the strongest bank in Mexico City and Chihuahua, stated yesterday that the panic was becoming serious and that the government was about to let out the silver reserve, amounting to nearly \$40,000,000, to relieve the situation.

Celebration of Jesse Lincoln's Romance. Chicago, Dec. 23.—As a sequel to the "elopement" in 1897 of Jessie Lincoln, daughter of Robert T. Lincoln, with Warren Beckwith, football player, baseball professional, Spanish war volunteer, and now railroad brakeman, comes the information that the couple are now permanently separated. Mrs. Beckwith is with her parents here. She has one child, a daughter.

No Place for Dudes. Aberdeen, Miss., Dec. 22.—At the Northeast Mississippi conference of the African M. E. conference a class of young men applied to Bishop Tyree for admission. Rev. J. Franklin was sent back because he had on a red necktie and striped coat, the bishop declaring that the ministry was no place for dudes.

Looked upon with Misgivings. Manila, Dec. 23.—The public is deeply agitated over the approaching departure of the volunteers. It is feared that the withdrawal or weakening of the present inadequate garrisons will be suicidal, and it is anticipated that the peaceful natives will suffer from Tagalog vengeance.

Miss Morrison Embraces Christian Science. Eldorado, Kan., Dec. 21.—Miss Jessie Morrison, who has been secured ball, but her father is busy securing bonds. Miss Morrison is a great believer in Christian science and since her trial has spent the most of her weary hours in the perusal of this kind of literature.

Taking Negroes to Hawaii. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 21.—Sixty negroes left here last night for Honolulu to work in Hawaiian sugar fields. All expenses on route are paid and in Hawaii they will be furnished free homes and free medical attention. It is the purpose to take 10,000 negroes from the south to Hawaii.

To Build Railroads in Philippines. Dover, Del., Dec. 21.—The Philippines company, of New York city, capital \$1,500,000, was incorporated here. The purpose of the corporation, as stated in the application, is to construct railroads and acquire and develop lands in the Philippine islands.

Death of Senator Fry's Wife. Washington, Dec. 23.—Mrs. William P. Fry, wife of Senator Fry, of Maine, died at the Hamilton hotel here Friday morning. Mrs. Fry had been ill for some time past. Heart failure is given as the immediate cause of death.

We write mortgages.—T. P. Leonard.

THEY WERE SUPERSTITIOUS.

Two Philippine Natives Committed an Atrocious Murder Because They Believed Their Victim Was a Witch.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Word has been received here of an atrocious murder in the Philippines, at the town of Capigai. It appears from the testimony that two natives were responsible for the death of the wife of a neighbor. They went to the house of a native named Victor Pere and forcibly took him and his wife to the Panay river, where they bound their hands behind them, and told them that their "last day had come." The woman was struck with a bolo and her dead body thrown into the river. Her husband witnessed her murder and, anticipating similar treatment, sprang into the river, and notwithstanding his arms were pinioned managed to reach the opposite side. According to witnesses, the motive for the crime was a superstitious belief that the murdered woman was a witch, possessed of occult powers whereby she in some mysterious way had brought about the death of a neighbor's child. The two men were sentenced to be hanged, but Gen. MacArthur mitigated the sentence in each case to confinement at hard labor for 20 years, out of consideration for the exceedingly low order of intelligence and blind superstition of the accused.

WITH CEREMONIAL SPLENDOR

Exercises Attending the Inauguration of President McKinley Expected to Eclipse All Previous Efforts in That Line.

Washington, Dec. 26.—President McKinley's second inauguration, on March 4 next, will be marked with a ceremonial splendor never before attempted in the city. The inaugural committee, of which John J. Edson is chairman, intends to make the inauguration a magnificent spectacle. The navy, for the first time in an inaugural ceremony, will be represented. In command of Admiral Dewey, all the warships in eastern waters will be ordered to Washington and steam up the Potomac river.

Military will be the main feature of the parade. The committee has invited state organizations to participate, and from the responses it is probable that more militia bodies will be in line than ever before. The regular troops around Washington will be brought here. The cadets from the military and naval academies also will be in attendance. Civil bodies will be well represented, but the object of the committee will be to make the parade as military as possible. Hundreds of applications have been received from rough rider clubs that wish to participate.

A BULLET IN HIS HEART.

The X-Ray Shows a Ball in Charles Nelson's Heart, Which Has Been There Since July, 1896.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The Chronicle today says: Proof that a man may live with a bullet in his heart was afforded Monday by the use of the X-ray upon Charles B. Nelson, of Cadillac, Mich. He was formerly a Chicagoan and was in 1896 the central figure in a sensational shooting that nearly resulted in his death. Under the fluoroscope the ball in Nelson's heart could be plainly seen rising and falling with each pulsation of the vital organ. The bullet had been there since the night of July 1, 1896.

The mysterious circumstance surrounding the shooting of Nelson made it one of the sensational episodes in the history of Chicago. On the night of the shooting Mr. Margaret was in company with Miss Margaret Nelson in Washington park. A negro did the shooting, afterward escaping, and the mystery surrounding the affair was never cleared.

Believes Kidnapers Will Be Caught. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 26.—That the bay pony at Pacific Junction, Ia., found there Friday morning in the stable of Mrs. Bud Mack, is the horse of the kidnapers of Eddie Cuddey, is firmly believed by the Omaha police and the authorities down there. The animal will be brought to Omaha. Mr. Cuddey expresses himself as pleased with the progress of the case and believes that the kidnapers will be apprehended.

Disappearance of Maggie Hoel Unsolved. Pueblo, Col., Dec. 25.—The police have failed thus far to unearth any clue to the whereabouts of Maggie Hoel, the young lady who mysteriously disappeared three days ago from her uncle's home near this city. The impression is growing that she left of her own accord. One theory is that the girl fled to avoid fulfilling her marriage engagement, which was set for two or three months ahead.

Earnings of Railroads. Washington, Dec. 23.—Railroads of the United States operating 19,406 miles of line earned \$323,353,912 for the year ended June 30, an increase of \$72,119,747 over the previous year.

Hanged Himself in a New York Jail. New York, Dec. 25.—Orestes Reiber, a prisoner, committed suicide in his cell in the West Twentieth street station today by hanging himself with his handkerchief.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Broom-Corn Oil Tablets. All ailments relieved. The money it will cure. R. V. Grove's sign is on each box.

PLANNING HOME RULE.

Native Leaders in Luzon Advise with the Philippine Commission Regarding Government to Be Established.

Manila, Dec. 22.—Leaders of the projected autonomy party have again visited the Philippine commission, and the platform proposed was discussed privately and in an informal way. The plan of the party is to form United States territories involving candidature for ultimate statehood. The platform declares in favor of a senate and house of representatives elected from the districts of the archipelago according to population. In preparing a bill of rights the United States constitution is utilized with the exception of the feature of trial by jury. According to the plan the governor-general appointed by the president would have the power to veto except in cases of a two-thirds vote of the legislature. The legislature would choose five delegates to the United States congress.

WILL AWAIT DECISION.

No Attempt at Legislation for Porto Rico and Philippines Until Supreme Court Gives Status of Islands.

Washington, Dec. 24.—"No attempt at general legislation for Porto Rico and the Philippines," said Representative Cooper, chairman of the Insular affairs committee, "will be made until the constitutional question as to the powers of congress has been passed upon by the supreme court. Porto Rico is doing well. There are now 500 schools in the island and 40,000 scholars, an increase of 150 schools over last year, with a large increase in scholars. In the Philippines the Taft commission is proceeding with the work. It is an exceptionally strong body of men and will provide well for the people until congress begins legislating for the Philippine archipelago."

THE PRESIDENTIAL VOTE.

Complete Returns Give McKinley a Plurality of 539,324 Over Bryan—In 1896 It Was 603,514.

New York, Dec. 21.—The New York Times publishes a table showing the popular vote for presidential electors in the recent election. The total vote, including 6,211, scattering, was 13,967,292. Of this McKinley received 7,647,677, and Bryan 4,357,853. Woolley, prohibitionist, received 84,481 as reported, 207,365; Barker, middle-of-the-road populist, 50,183; Debs, social democrat, 94,533; and Maloney, social labor, 32,450. McKinley's plurality was 3,289,824; McKinley's majority was 468,085. In 1896 McKinley's plurality was 603,514; his majority was 288,728.

LARGEST PORTRAIT GALLERY

Adjutant General Is Collecting Photographs of the Twenty-six Hundred Army Officers of the United States.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The war department is fast bringing up to date what promises to be in time the largest portrait gallery in the world. It will comprise photographs of all the regular army officers. More than 2,000 photographs have already been received and placed on file in the adjutant general's office, and at the rate they are arriving Adj. Gen. Corbin expects to have a photograph of every regular army officer in the United States service on the active list, almost 2,600 in all, carefully filed away with each officer's record at the department.

A THING OF THE PAST.

Telegraphers' Strike on the Santa Fe Railroad Officially Declared Off, the Strikers Losing Every Point.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 23.—President Dolphin, of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, has declared the strike of the operators on the Santa Fe off. The operators are beginning to speculate as to whether they will be reinstated in the employ of the company. They now have the permission of the organization to work if they can secure work. General Manager Mudge, of the Santa Fe, says the O. R. T. will not be recognized under the present management.

American Attack Filipino Rebels. Manila, Dec. 24.—Advices brought yesterday by steamer from southern Luzon say that a lieutenant and 50 men of the Ninth United States cavalry attacked a large body of insurgents near Guinobatan, province of Albay. After the battle 45 dead insurgents were counted, together with many wounded. The only American casualty was the wounding of a sergeant, who was cornered by several rebels and struck in the leg by a bolo.

The Sultan Unmoved by Atrocities. Vienna, Dec. 22.—Further reports of the Turkish massacres of Christians show that their instigator is a Mohammedan fanatic named Hafidk Ismail, who brags of having slaughtered 300 Christians with his own hands. The Turkish authorities have shown utter indifference to the massacres and the outrages perpetrated on Christians are beyond description.

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MINING EXPOSITION.

Business Men of Spokane Plan One for That City 1902—Congress Will Be Asked for \$250,000.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 24.—At a meeting presided over by Mayor Constock and attended by 30 business and mining men it was decided to hold an exposition in Spokane from June to November, 1902. A committee was appointed to develop the necessary details. An exposition of the mineral wealth of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana and British Columbia will be the feature of the show. Congress will be asked for an appropriation of \$250,000 and each state and district represented will also contribute. Those interested in the project are the wealthiest and most prominent mining and business men of Spokane. The governors of each northwestern state will be given official titles and be made members of the executive staff of the fair. The name adopted was the Northwest International Mining exposition.

SMALLPOX IN THE EAST.

No Less Than 25,000 Cases of the Dread Disease and It Is Spreading at an Alarming Rate.

New York, Dec. 24.—Smallpox is epidemic throughout the eastern half of the United States to an extent that is alarming, to say the least. There has been an effort to suppress the facts, and newspapers and physicians in many cities, from a false sense of duty, have deceived the public. In Greater New York today there are, according to a reputable physician, no less than 4,000 cases. The same authority advanced the opinion that between the Atlantic ocean and the Mississippi river, in a territory embracing the eastern half of the nation, probably 25,000 persons are suffering from the disease. It is no secret that many cases have been concealed, and to this fact is attributed the spread of smallpox wherever it has appeared.

HIGH OFFICIAL KILLED.

F. H. Morris, Auditor of War Department, Shot by a Distinguished Clerk, Who in Turn Killed Himself.

Washington, Dec. 24.—F. H. Morris, of Ohio, auditor for the war department, was shot at 2:15 Saturday afternoon in his office by Samuel McDonald, formerly a disbursing clerk in the office. Morris was shot through the heart and died almost instantly. McDonald, who did the shooting, then cut his own throat and shot himself. Before doing so he had a desperate affray with the watchman of the building who tried to arrest him. The watchman was badly beaten about the head with the murderer's pistol. McDonald, who did the killing, had been the second disbursing clerk in Morris' office, but had been reduced. It is said that the brooding over this led to the tragedy.

NOT GOOD INDIANA LAW.

Appellate Court of the Hoosier State Overturns the Old English Rule That "Man and Wife Are One."

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 24.—The appellate court of Indiana decided that a man and his wife are not one. The decision was rendered in a suit brought by Alvira Daley against her husband. He had made her a verbal promise that if she would join with him in a deed conveying his farm, valued at \$5,000, he would give her his note for \$1,000. The deed was signed, but he refused to make good the note, insisting that he and his wife were one, and that, therefore, the contract could not be valid. The appellate court held that, while this was the old English rule, it does not hold good in Indiana.

Two Costly Steel Bridges.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—The Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railroad will build costly steel bridges across the Black river at Blackrock, Ark., and the Tyronza river at Marked Tree, Ark. Each bridge will be three spans in length, and as the streams are navigable for small craft, one span will be constructed as a draw.

Improvements to Cost \$1,500,000.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—During the year 1901 the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis road will spend the enormous sum of \$1,500,000 in improvements, including new locomotives and car equipment, new and heavier steel rails on many miles of track and wooden bridges will be replaced by permanent structures.

Indian Territory Towns.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The population of incorporated towns in the Indian territory having a population of more than 2,000, but less than 25,000, is as follows: Ardmore, 5,691; Chickasha, 3,299; Coalgate, 2,417; Durant, 2,969; Muncie, 4,234; Purcell, 2,277; South McAlester, 2,479; Vinita, 2,339; Wagoner, 2,372.

Monument to a Gettysburg Heroine.

Gettysburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—The Woman's Relief corps of Iowa has decided to erect a monument in this place to honor the memory of Jennie Wade, the heroine of the battle of Gettysburg. For the past 27 years this little grave has been unmarked, save for a small stone.

MURDERESS OUT OF PRISON.

After Much Delay She Is Released for Miss Jessie Morrison, Who Killed Mrs. Clara Castle at Eldorado.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 26.—A capital special from Eldorado says: Jessie Morrison was released yesterday evening on \$5,000 bonds. Sheriff Turner approved the bond early in the evening. Judge M. H. Morrison, father of the imprisoned girl, then accompanied him to the jail, where they released Jessie Morrison from custody. The party then quietly went to the Morrison home, the darkness protecting them from the gaze of the curious. Miss Morrison has not yet made her plans for the immediate future known to the public. It is thought, however, that she will spend some time visiting her old home in the east.

The Strike of Street Railway Men.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 26.—Owing to the successful work of the scouts of the striking car men ten of the 18 men brought from Syracuse, N. Y., to take their places were sent home yesterday and only two cars were run in the whole county yesterday. One of these, on which Superintendent Patterson was motorman, ran off the track at 11 o'clock and was so badly damaged it had to be taken to the barn. No other car was sent to replace it, and at 1:30 the other of the two cars was taken in and housed.

Booster Noblemen Eat with Peasants.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The prince of Oldenburg, president of the government temperance committee, at noon yesterday declared the People's palace open to the public. After the inaugural ceremonies the prince and 30 of the higher army officers, including the commanding generals along with high officials, noblemen and ladies, dined side by side with peasants and the families of workmen.

Carnegie's Many Libraries.

Washington, Dec. 26.—During the last year Mr. Carnegie has given away about \$5,000,000 for libraries and educational institutions, not including the Pittsburgh institute. During 1899 he gave away about \$5,000,000. He has already founded 50 many libraries in this country that he is about to establish a training school for librarians at Winona, Ind., in order to make them more useful.

Arrested for Trying to Kiss a Girl.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 25.—A Helena special to the Pioneer Press says: State Senator W. F. Meyer, of Carben county, a banker and prominent citizen of Red Lodge, was arrested yesterday on a warrant sworn out by Dora Fullerton, the daughter of a ranchman, who charges that Meyer called her into his office, locked the door and tried to kiss her. She, however, succeeded in escaping.

Tried to Wreck a Hotel.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 26.—A desperate attempt was made Monday night to blow up the Farmers' hotel at Alva, Ok. The thimble of a wagon wheel was filled with giant powder and put under the corner of the building. Before the fired fuse caught the powder the thimble fell to one side with the result that the veranda was blown about 150 feet skyward. Except the breaking of windows no other damage was done.

Lake Washington Ship Canal.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 26.—General plans for the Lake Washington ship canal have been completed by Maj. Mills, of the United States army, in charge of harbor work in this state. It is certain that a contract for a preliminary channel will be let shortly after January 1. The work will be within the appropriation of \$170,000, made by congress some time ago.

Consul General Shaw Suicides.

Philadelphia, Dec. 26.—W. Irvine Shaw, who had been filling the position of United States consul at Barranquilla, Colombia, and who was recently appointed consul general to Singapore, committed suicide in a hotel here yesterday. His health is supposed to have been affected his mind.

Mayor Harrison Declared Responsible.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Mayor Harrison and not Chief of Police Kiple is declared responsible for the present conditions in Chicago by the central committee of the Ministers' association, which met yesterday to discuss the anti-vice crusade.

White Citizens Terrorized.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 26.—A special to the News from Jeffersonville, Ind., says a race war is on at Cementville, a small station on the Pan-handle road five miles north of this city, and serious trouble is expected at any moment.

Gives a Mansion for a Dollar.

Stouis City, Ia., Dec. 26.—Bert M. Bille, of Vinton, Ia., a well-to-do Jeweler, with \$1 expended, won the \$67,000 Pierce mansion, a relic of boom days, when John Pierce, one of the prime movers in the boom, was called a multi-millionaire.

Convicts Pardoned in Porto Rico.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 26.—Gov. Allen has celebrated the holiday season by extending executive clemency to 33 prisoners in Porto Rican jails. He has pardoned 17 murderers and 16 kidnappers and seven thieves.

WAS IT REVENGE?

Reason That Ex-President Harrison's Aunt After Speech was Shot at Would Probably Dismissed from the Army.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The friends of Lieut. Col. Russell B. Harrison are not satisfied with the war department's explanation of his discharge from the army. The war department explains that Col. Harrison was confined in the service longer than most of the volunteer staff officers, and that he was honorably discharged, when the department of Porto Rico was abandoned, because there was no further need for his services. The colonel's friends persist in associating his discharge from the army with the failure of his father, Gen. Harrison, to make speeches in the campaign, and they also intimate that the ex-president has evaded the score by making an address on the Porto Rican question just before that question was to be argued before the supreme court.

Gifts to Philadelphia's Museum.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Every nation that was represented at the Paris exposition has contributed a portion of its exhibit to the Philadelphia commercial museum and several countries have presented their entire exhibit.

Dr. Parker's Christian Daily Fell Flat.

London, Dec. 24.—Rev. Dr. Parker's experiment with the London Sun on the lines of Mr. Sheldon's Topeka adventure concluded Saturday and is felt, even by his friends, not to have been by any means a success.

Explorer Baldwin Fully Equipped.

Evelyn Baldwin, the Arctic explorer, will take with him 400 Polar dogs and 15 Siberian ponies, together with the largest transport train in the history of Arctic exploration.

Lost—Will Found Dead.

London, Dec. 26.—The dowager Lady Churchill, senior lady of the bed chamber and a intimate friend of the queen, was found dead in her bed room at Osborne yesterday morning. On retiring the previous night she complained of cold, but no alarming symptoms manifested themselves.

Dispatch from Lord Kitchener.

London, Dec. 26.—Lord Kitchener, telegraphing to the war office under date of Nauvooport, December 24, reports: Thornycroft's mounted infantry occupied Britstown without opposition. The Boers retired to the north in the direction of Prieska. They will be followed up.

Fighting Near De Aar.

Cape Town, Dec. 26.—Fighting is going on near De Aar. Particulars are unobtainable. Two hundred Boers have left Britstown after commandeering all supplies available.

Will Head Another Rising.

London, Dec. 21.—Osman Pasha, who led the Kurd rising in 1878, told a representative of the Daily Mail yesterday that he would leave London to-day to head another rising to free Kurdistan from Turkish rule.

Where They Were.

This story was told by a Philadelphia man who dislikes nothing so much as to be asked questions: "My little girl is very fond of seashells," he said, "and, having been called to Atlantic City or business the other day, I took advantage of the opportunity to run down to the beach to see if I could pick up a few. I was strolling along the sand, gathering a few shells and pebbles, when along came one of those old idiots who ask questions with their mouths while their eyes could answer. He smiled upon me and said: 'Fine day, isn't it. Are you gathering shells?' 'No,' I snapped back, saying the first thing that popped into my mind. 'I'm looking for a set of false teeth I lost while in bathing.' He expressed his sympathy, and then his face lit up as he caught sight of a pink and white object on the sand. 'Well, I declare! Here they are now!' he exclaimed, and, sure enough, he picked up a set of false teeth lying right at his feet. I was too surprised to do anything but grab them and put them in my pocket. The funny part of it is that I never had a tooth pulled in my life. I wonder whom that false set belongs to.—Philadelphia Record.

For Politicians.

The following conversation was overheard on a railway train: "Why, the time was," said the passenger with a gorgeous watch-chain, "when we had our county so well in hand that we could elect a brindle pup to any office we chose to nominate him for."

"And you can't do it now?" queried the other passenger, a man with a sparkling cough. "I should say not. The other fellows have beat us three to one in the last three elections."

"To what do you attribute the change?"

"Well, I am inclined to think the reason is that when we had the power we elected too many brindle pups."—Yonkers Companion.

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